

Judy Smith, EPA

Dear Judy:

My information is very different from when I had written this letter. While I continue to believe there are in fact safer options than the CDF, I am sure that folks like you and Chip who have dedicated your whole lives to cleaning up rivers, making them safer, cleaner for people who reside in the communities have the best interests at heart. While I may disagree with some of the approaches to the clean-up I truly believe that you are diligent and earnest in the work that you do.

Too many times I believe it is the RP who carries the weight in the decision process for choosing a method of remediation and that generally is the least expensive without insulting the intelligence of the EPA. It becomes the choice of the lowest common denominator by choosing the least expensive that the EPA has approved in the past. That combined with a *White House* who seems to turn a blind eye to the future of rivers, our river, and sends pressure down the line to "get the job done no matter how the community protests."

All right, down to business. The Fact Sheet.

**“Controlling What is Put into The CDF-A public process will be used to establish disposal and acceptance criteria for materials.....”**

Comment: It seems a little odd to state this when the article has just confirmed that in spite of all the objections from the community, the CDF is being built anyway. I find this ironic.

**Will EPA require sediment from the future Portland Harbor to be placed in the Terminal 4 CDF? No.**

Comment: Further in the Fact Sheet, it states:

- **A CDF will create additional disposal options for future decisions for the larger Portland Harbor cleanup. Having a CDF readily available may decrease the cost and increase the speed of future cleanup actions.**

Comment: This seems to contradict what was stated earlier or perhaps I have misinterpreted the meaning. The next paragraph also talks about the convenience of having a CDF in the Harbor area. I am not sure what the implications are because it is not specific if it is not to use the Port's CDF.

Judy, I feel so presumptuous even writing this. Compared to all the tasks you accomplish and the responsibilities that you have, including writing the *Fact Sheets* with such detail and from so many other cooks to help you, I am truly sorry that I criticized it.

One required class for a degree in Community Development is *Citizen Participation*. The philosophy of the program that I studied was that citizen participation holds little value if in fact the citizens do not contribute to the decisions. So if I get too loud it is because I believe it is my duty, no, responsibility to speak up particularly when it concerns the safety of my community.

Thanks so much Judy for your help and kindness and letting me explain.

Sincerely,

Jackie Calder